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U.S. Serial No. 10/736,059
Atty Docket No.: 13978.105532 (formerly, CET-025985)**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS****I. General Remarks and Disposition of the Claims.**

Please consider the application in view of the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for his careful consideration of this application.

Claims 1-20 remain pending in this application. Claims 1-14 are allowed. Claims 15-17, 19, and 20 have been rejected. Claim 18 is objected to. Claims 15, 19, and 20 have been amended herein. Claim 18 has been cancelled. Claims 21 and 22 are new. Applicants respectfully request that the above amendments be entered, and further request reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks contained herein. Antecedent basis for these amendments can be found throughout the specification.

II. Remarks Regarding Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. § 112.

Claims 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicants regard as the invention. The Examiner writes: "There is no antecedent basis for 'openings'. Only one opening is recited in the parent claim." (Office Action at 2). Applicants have amended claims 19-20 to overcome the rejections under §112 and therefore request withdrawal of said rejections.

III. Allowable Subject Matter.

The Examiner has objected to claims 18-20 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that such claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. (Office Action at 3-4). Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's indication of the allowability of these claims. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestion, claim 18 has been cancelled and the elements thereof have been incorporated into independent claim 15. In addition, claims 19-20 have been rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, Applicants submit that independent claims 15 and 19-20, and their dependents, are allowable. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of any outstanding objections and rejections and respectfully request issuance of a notice of allowance for claims 15-17 and 19-22.

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SUMMARY

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections. Applicants further submit that the application is now in condition for allowance, and earnestly solicit timely notice of the same. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or suggestions in furtherance of the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the attorney of record by telephone.

As the three-month shortened statutory period for reply expires on July 11, 2007, this Response is considered timely filed. As a result of the amendments above, additional claims have been added to this application and result in \$250.00 additional fee as calculated below:

Fee Calculation					
	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims:	21	- 20 =	1	x \$50 =	\$ 50.00
Independent Claims:	4	- 3 =	1	x \$200 =	\$ 200.00
Total Additional Claims Fee =					\$ 250.00

Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to debit \$250.00 fees from USPTO Deposit Account Number 50-3786, Reference No. 13682.105532. Applicants believe there are no other fees due association with the filing of this Response. However, should the Commissioner deem that any additional fees are due, including any fees for extensions of time, the Commissioner is authorized to debit said fees from, or to credit any overpayments to, the same account.

Respectfully submitted,

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